

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of AGM held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday, 5th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Andrew Mackay, Chair/Treasurer (AMK), Jamie Dick, Vice Chair (JD), Jackie Young, Secretary (JY), John Sutherland (JS), Louise Skinner (LS), Iain Thomson (IT)

Apologies: Sandy Allison (SA)

Also attending: Highland Councillor Hugh Morrison (HMN), Kaye Hurrion (KH) and Robert Johnstone (RJ) LDCI

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above.) Chair Andrew Mackay welcomed everyone to the AGM ahead of the main meeting this evening.

Item 2. Adoption of minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the AGM held on 6th June 2018 were adopted as a true and accurate record; proposed: John Sutherland, seconded: Jamie Dick.

Item 3. Chairman's report. AM noted the guests who have attended in the past year: Alan McIntyre of Energiekontor, Joe Perry of the Flow Country World Heritage bid, Lisa Marchi-Grey of SSE CLG, Eilidh Coll of Foundation Scotland and Emma Armstrong of CALL. Regular liaison continues with LDCI, LCA, CALL, SSE/E.ON Rosehall Panel. Also with Police Scotland and Highland Council. Intermittent contact as required is maintained with Forestry Commission, NHS Scotland, Scottish Ambulance, Fire Service and the neighbouring CCs. The CC continues to work with Foundation Scotland to administer the community benefit funds through the main and micro grant schemes. Seven main grants and thirteen micro grants have been awarded in the past year. The CC remains responsible for maintaining the Bird Hide and the tennis courts. Liaison is ongoing with existing and proposed windfarm developments. In November SA represented the CC at the Lairg Service of Remembrance and laid the wreath on behalf of the CC. Ongoing concerns at this time include the administration of the CC in light of last year's reduction in the annual grant made by THC, and preparations for a volunteer session to improve the condition of the Bird Hide. Chair recorded thanks to all CCs members for their continued efforts on behalf of the community, to Magda MacDonald for her work on the CC website and to JD who is taking over maintenance of it, to Ashley Poole for auditing the CC annual accounts and preparing them for submission to THC, to the members of the public who occasionally attend CC meetings and lastly to MG for her work with the secretarial and treasurer duties.

Item 4/5. Treasurer's report/Adoption of accounts. With approval of Chair/Treasurer AMK, MG discussed the signed and audited accounts. The accounts were presented and were adopted by all present, proposed by Andrew Mackay, seconded, Jamie Dick. The accounts will be submitted to The Highland Council accordingly. The present balance in the Treasurer's account stands at £2,133.56. A vote of thanks was recorded for Ashley Poole for carrying out the audit of accounts and preparing them for submission in the format approved by The Highland Council. This was the first time Ashley Poole had conducted the audit and preparation and her willingness was very much appreciated. Internet banking allows for most payments to be made by bank transfer speeding up the process for all concerned.

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Item 6. Election of office bearers. The outgoing office bearers stepped down and Cllr Morrison assumed the Chair to conduct the elections, the results of which were as follows:

Position	Proposer	Secunder
Chair: Andrew Mackay	Jackie Young	Louise Skinner

Andrew Mackay accepted the position in the short term but intimated his intention to stand down at the next CC elections in November.

Vice Chair: Jamie Dick	Andrew Mackay	Iain Thomson
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Jamie Dick accepted the position meantime.

Treasurer: Andrew Mackay	Jackie Young	John Sutherland
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Andrew Mackay accepted the position but with Mary Goulder continuing to undertake the day to day handling of the accounts under the supervision of the Community Council.

Secretary: Jackie Young	Andrew Mackay	Iain Thomson
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Jackie Young accepted the position but with Mary Goulder continuing to undertake the day to day secretarial duties.

Mary Goulder was asked to remain in post as **Minutes Secretary** with responsibility for correspondence shared with Secretary, and the day to day Treasurer work responsible to Andrew Mackay, as before. Mary Goulder agreed to continue in this position. Andrew Mackay then assumed the Chair to conduct the rest of this and the following monthly meeting.

Item 7. Any other competent business relevant to the AGM. No other business relevant to the AGM was raised. This meeting closed at 7.45pm